REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendments, new method claims 90-100 will be issued with allowed claims 37-47, 54-58, 64-66 and 69-88. Claims 37, 54, 64, 65, 69, 75, 80, 85, 87, 90, 95 and 99 are independent. No new matter has been added.

With regard to Part VII(1) of the Notice of Allowability, claim 89, which corresponds to canceled claim 57, was added since claim 57 was inadvertently canceled in Applicants response dated May 12, 2004. Further in regard to Part VII(2) of the Notice of Allowability, Applicants have added claims 90-100 which correspond to the method claims which were previously canceled in Applicants May 12, 2004 response (Applicants reserved the right to rejoin the method claims). Applicants respectfully submit that independent method claims 90, 95 and 99 include the features recited in a corresponding material claim. Specifically, claim 90 includes the features recited in allowed material claim 85, and claims 95 and 99 include the features recited in allowed material claim 87.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejoined method claims 90-100 issue with allowed claims 37-47, 54-58, 64-66 and 69-88.
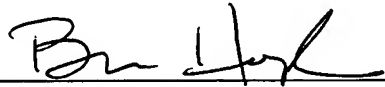
CONCLUSION

This amendment is being filed with the payment of the issue fee and thus complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a).

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this amendment, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 212-692-6803.

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